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POPULATION CONTROL
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the population growth in China has been stabilized whereas the population growth in India is increasing continuously;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to adopt some strict measures to control the population of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, the population growth in China has stabilized. In India also, the population growth rate is declining. China`s fertility decline started in early 1960s through improved access to family planning services and strict measures for population control. On the contrary, India recorded high population growth in 1970s and 1980s which has widened the age group in the reproductive zone. This has slowed the decline in population growth of the country.

(c) to (e) No Sir. The Family Welfare Program in India is voluntary in nature.Past experience shows that it is neither feasible nor advisable to enforce coercive measures. In addition, the success of the Family Welfare Program in States such as Kerala, Goa and Tamil Nadu has shown that coercion is not necessary for the success of the Program.